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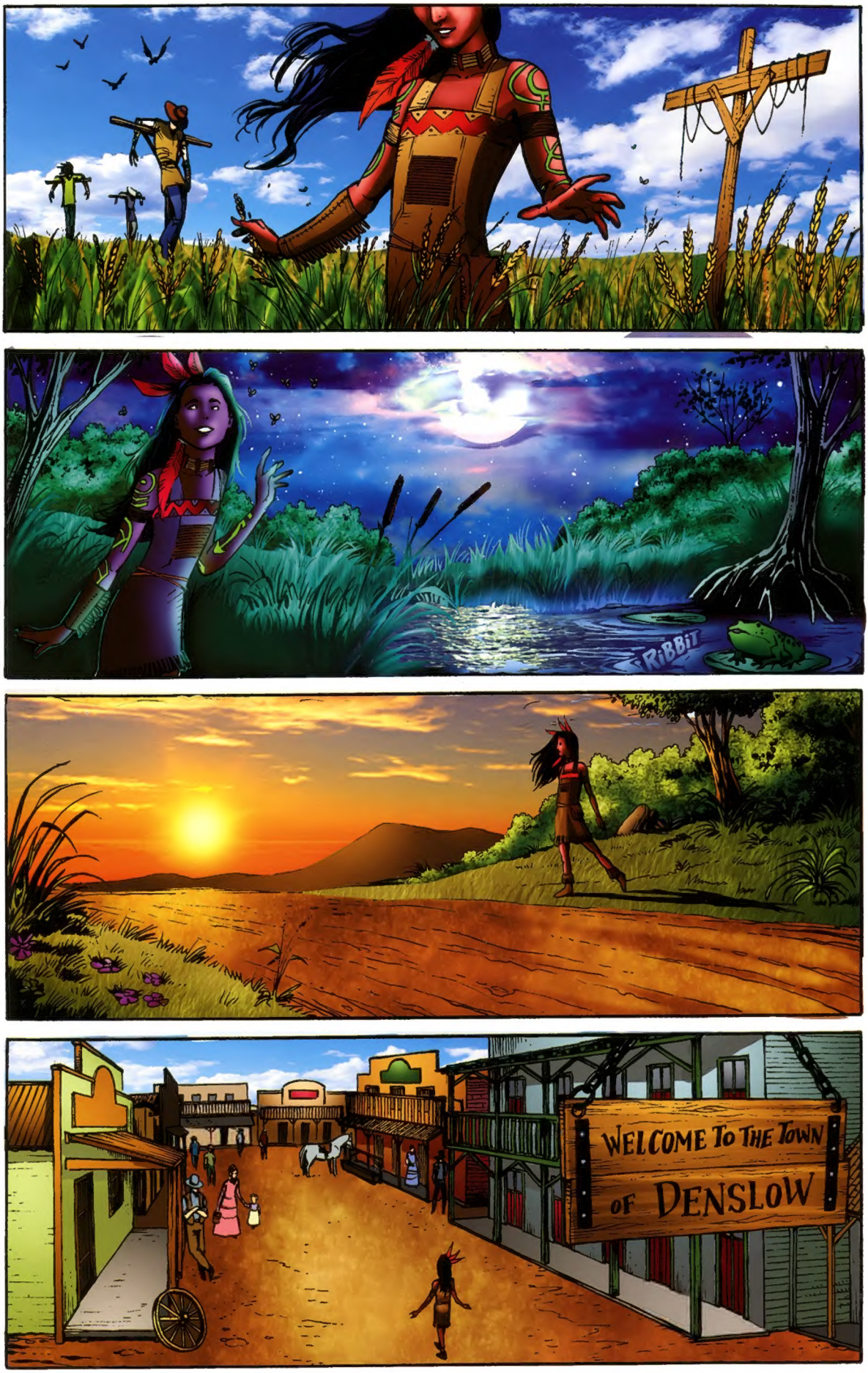
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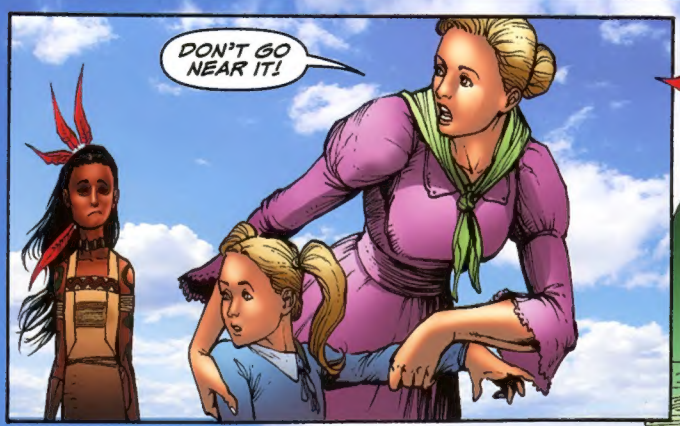
WELCOME TO THE TOWN
OF DENSLOW

LOOK MOMMY, A SCARE-CROW!


DON'T GO NEAR IT!

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

KRA-KOOM!!
KRA KOOM!
KA-KRA
AND STAY OUT!
YER KIND AIN'T WELCOME, Y'HEAR?!

QUITE *RESOURCEFUL*, MY LITTLE SCARE-CROW.

I DO NOT MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU, MY DEAR. I WAS TRAVELLING TO A LAND FAR, FAR AWAY, AND I HEARD YOUR SILENT SCREAMS.
I SHALL DO YOU NO HARM, YOU LOVELY THING.
"I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING *VERY* IMPORTANT."
"I SEE YOUR PAST AND THE ***WONDERFUL WORLD*** OF YOUR FUTURE OPEN BEFORE ME. I SEE YOU ***LEAVE*** YOUR MAKER; YOU ALONE LEAVE YOUR POST, WHILE THE OTHER SCARECROWS REMAIN CONTENT IN DOING THEIR MASTER'S BIDDING.
"I SEE YOU LOOKING TO BE RECOGNIZED, TO FIND ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS THAT YOU DON'T YET KNOW YOU'RE ASKING."
CARE ***NOT*** WHAT OTHERS FEAR, MY SCARECROW, AS THEY DO NOT KNOW YOU...***YET***.
WHAT YOUR HEART SPEAKS TO YOU IS TRUE. YOU HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN THIS VERY TOWN.

YOU, MY DEAR, ARE SPECIAL.
SHE IS SPECIAL?
THAT THING - THAT LIFELESS, SOULLESS PUPPET - IS SPECIAL?

YOU WILL GO TO SUCH LOVELY, GOLDEN PLACES.

STRUGGLING WILL DO YOU NO GOOD, PUPPET.
YOU ARE LIKE I WAS. MUTE. DEAF. DUMB. YOU CAN MOVE ONLY BECAUSE YOUR MASTER ALLOWS IT.
WHERE IS YOUR MASTER, LITTLE PUPPET?
MY MASTER WENT AWAY, BUT NOW I CAN PULL MY OWN STRINGS.
YOU SEE, LITTLE PUPPET, I'M NOT LIKE YOU. I OPENED MY MASTER'S HEAD AND SAW WHAT MADE HIM TICK. NOW...
...I'M SPECIAL.

KRAK
I HAVE A BRAIN.
YOU HAVE NOTHING.

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHY IS SHE HELPING US?
DON'T GO NEAR HER!
DO YOU THINK SHE'S LIKE HIM?
UNTIE ME! PLEASE!
AAAHHH!

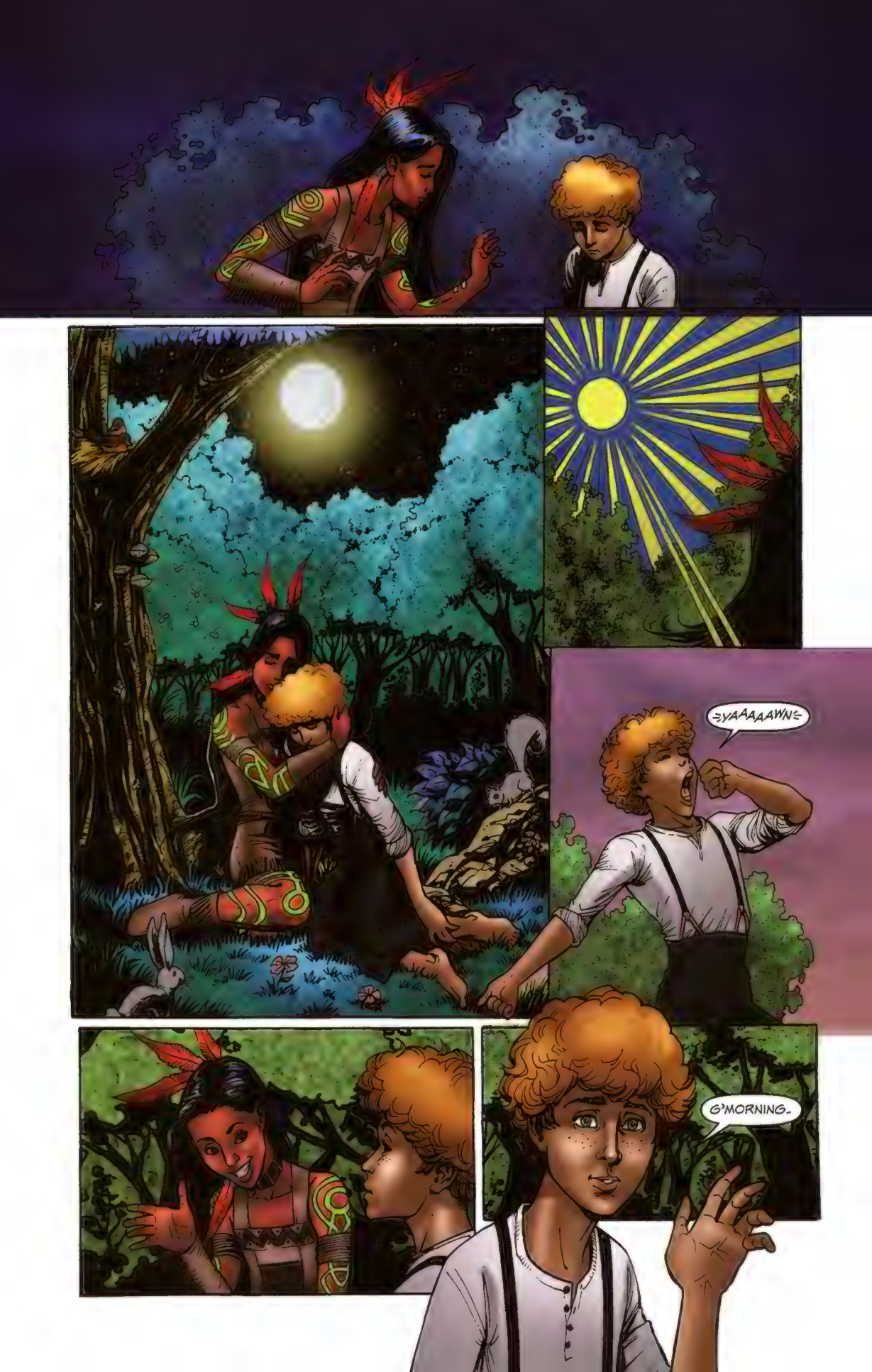
WHAT IS ALL THIS!?
GO! GO! WE'LL HOLD HIM!

--DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY, OLD MAN. WE GO BACK TO TOWN AN' TELL THE SHERIFF!
SHE SAVED ME. SAVED US!
WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO BE SAVED IN THE FIRS' PLACE IF THAT DAMN SCARECROW DIDN'T CAPTURE US! IMPRISON US! AND THE PEOPLE HE TOOK UPSTAIRS - YOU SEEN THEM AROUND? 'CAUSE I AIN'T!
HE'S KILLIN' OUR KIND TO MAKE HIMSELF...I DON'T KNOW, SMART? SPECIAL? WE CAN'T HAVE THESE MONSTROSITIES 'ROUND OUR HOMES.
WE GOTTA FIND EVERY LAST ONE OF THESE SCARECROWS AND TEACH 'EM A LESSON.
INCLUDING THE GIRL.

AHHHH! DON'T KILL ME! PLEASE!
SCARECROW! THERE'S A SCARE-CROW!
HEEEELP! SOMEBODY HELP!

PLEASE DON'T KILL ME, PLEASE!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE. I...I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
I...
WH...WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU...YOU SAVED ME? BROUGHT ME HERE?

I...THANK YOU...I JUST... MY MOM, SHE TOLD ME THAT SCARECROWS ARE BAD.
YEAH, I KNOW. NOT YOU. SORRY FOR...YOU KNOW, THE SCREAM. I GUESS HE CAPTURED YOU, TOO, RIGHT?
DO YOU KNOW WHY? WHY HE'S TAKING US?
ME NEITHER. MY MOM, SHE SAID SHE THOUGHT THAT HE CAPTURED US 'CAUSE HE WAS PARANOID. THE SCARECROW GUY, THAT IS.
THAT HE PUT SOMETHING IN HIS HEAD HE WASN'T SUPPOSED TO, AND HE WENT NUTS.
IT WAS JUST US AT FIRST. THEN MORE PEOPLE. THEN EVEN SOME OTHER SCARECROWS. IT WAS TERRIBLE. HE EVEN...HE TOOK MY MOM AWAY, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN HER...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DID TO HER.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G'MORNING.

D'YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE?
I JUST...I KINDA NEED TO GO HOME. LET MY DAD KNOW I'M...Y'KNOW, ALIVE AND ALL.
D'YOU KNOW THESE PARTS? I LIVE IN DENSLOW.
WELCOME TO THE TOWN OF DENSLOW
DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
CAN YOU TAKE ME THERE?

THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!
WELCOME to the TOWN of DENSLOW
I CAN SEE IT FROM HERE! I CAN SEE--
OH, YEAH. I GUESS IT IS DANGEROUS FOR YOU.

MY DAD'S THE SHERIFF, SO I'LL GO AND TELL'M HOW YOU SAVED ME!
HE'LL--
FOLLOW ME!
THEY'RE THIS WAY!
THEY'LL BE SORRY THEY EVER TRIFLED WITH THIS TOWN. WITH MY FAMILY.
WE'RE TAKIN' CARE OF THESE SCARECROWS ONCE AND FOR ALL.
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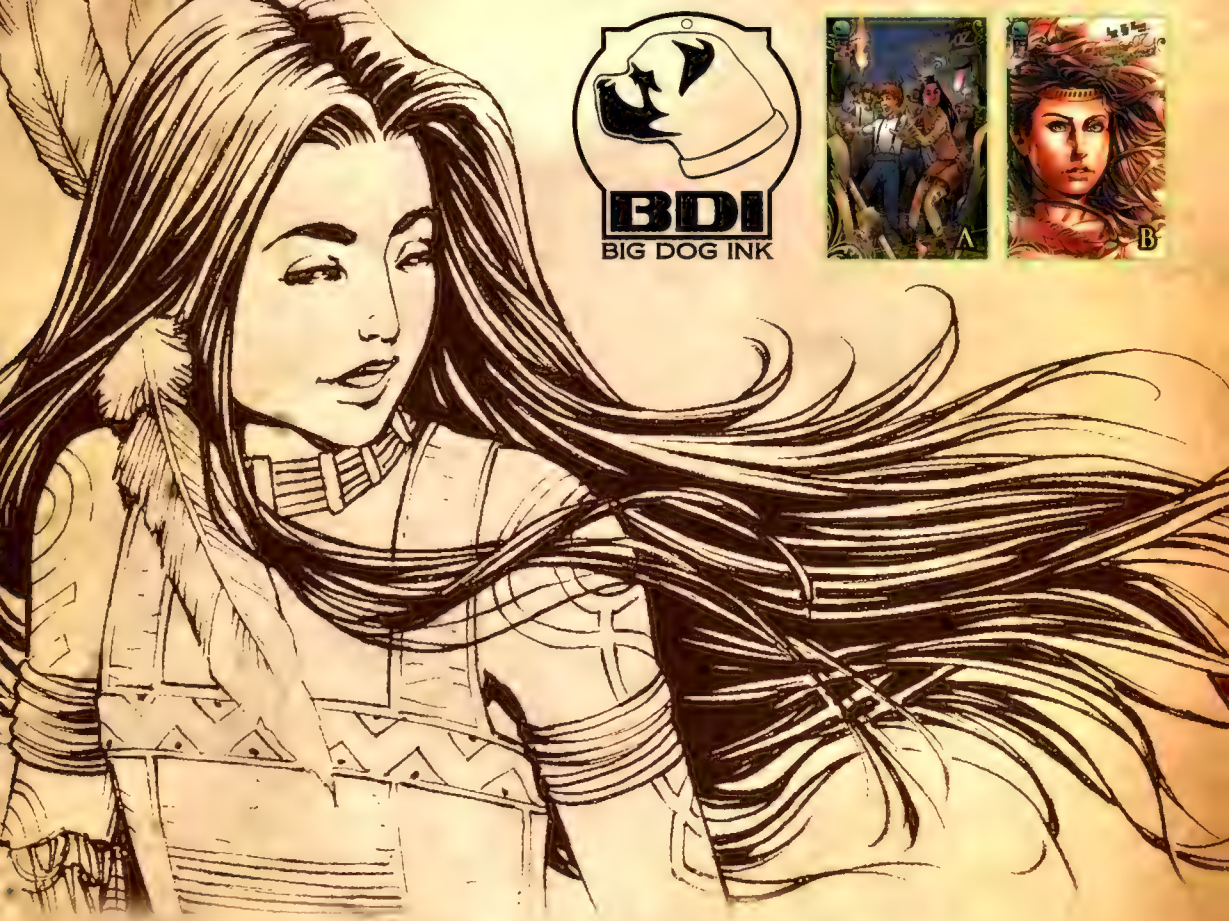

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I...SHE'S... I THOUGHT THEY SAW YOU.
WHERE DO YA THINK THEY'RE GOING?
HEY, WAIT UP!

GREETINGS, PEOPLE OF DENSLOW! I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
YOU WISH TO CHALLENGE ME, BUT I AM SO MUCH MORE THAN YOU! MORE THAN YOU COMPREHEND!
I POSSESS THE BRAIN OF THE SORCERER THAT CREATED ME...
...WHICH MEANS I POSSESS HIS MAGIC.
ATTACK, MY PUPPETS! OBEY YOUR NEW MASTER!

HEY, ISN'T THAT THE SCARECROW THAT SET US FREE?
WHY ARE WE STOPPIN'? BURN 'EM ALL!
SHE AIN'T NO DIFFERENT FROM THE REST! WE TURN OUR BACKS, SHE'LL STAB 'EM QUICKER'N WE COULD IMAGINE.
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!? TRAMPLE HER! I COMMAND IT!
HEY. SCARECROW.

NO!

SCARECROW! OH GOD, OH GOD, PLEASE DON'T DIE, PLEASE--
LYLE!? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE, BOY? WE THOUGHT---
---I THOUGHT YOU WAS DEAD---
DAD, I AIN'T DEAD! SHE SAVE ME!
JUST LIKE SHE'S TRYING TO SAVE ALL OF US! AND YOU KILLED HER!

OH, NO... YOU SAVED MY BOY?
NOD NOD
AND NOW YOU'RE DYING 'CAUSE OF ME...
=SIGH=

C'MON, DAD - HELP!
YEAH, ALRIGHT.

HUH?
SHE'S TRYING TO TELL YOU SOMETHING!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YER TRYIN' TO SAY...
SHE MEANS THE OTHER SCARECROWS - THEY AIN'T EVIL! THE ONLY BAD ONE, THE ONE THAT COULD TALK...
NOD NOD
...HE'S CONTROLLING EM!
WELL, THEN...
...LET'S PUT A STOP TO THIS NONSENSE.

HEY Y'ALL - STOP! THIS IS YOUR SHERIFF, AND I'M SAYIN' QUIT IT RIGHT NOW!
IT AIN'T THEM THAT DID THIS TO US. IT'S HIM!
THIS AIN'T WORKIN'.
LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA DO THIS THE OLD FASHIONED WAY.
WHERE THE HELL--
KRAKOOM

DO NOT STOP! DO AS I COMMAND!
RIP HER TO SHREDS!
NOBODY'S GONNA TOUCH THE GIRL.

IN CASE Y'ALL DON'T REMEMBER, I'M THE ONE WITH THE BADGE IN THIS TOWN.
SO PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND LISTEN TO THE LITTLE LADY.
SHE'S JUST ANOTHER SCARECROW! JUST LIKE THE ONE THAT IMPRISONED US!
SHE'S TRYING TO SAY SHE'S THE ONE THAT SAVED YOU. SHE AIN'T GOT NO INTEREST IN HARMING YOU.
AND NEITHER DO THOSE SCARECROWS. THEY'RE JUST BEING CONTROLLED...
LOOK, SHE'S THREATENING US!
NO, SHE'S NOT.
"...BY HIM."
WHY WON'T THE MAGIC WORK?!

THAT SCARECROW, HE TOOK US. OUR CHILDREN. WE ARE THE LUCKY ONES, 'CAUSE WE CAME BACK. NOT ALL OF US DID.
YEAH! IF WE STOP NOW, HOW ARE WE GONNA GIVE THAT MURDERER WHAT'S COMING TO HIM?
HOW DO WE KNOW HE WON'T TAP INTO THAT MAGIC AGAIN AND FORCE THEM SCARECROWS TO KILL US?! WE SHOULD BURN 'EM ALL TO THE GROUND NOW!
HE'S RIGHT, Y'KNOW. WE STILL GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE.

GOD MEP WHO ARE YOU TO BANISH ME FROM THIS LAND?

YOU ARE NOTHING - YOU'RE JUST LIKE THEM, A MERE PUPPET.
YOU ARE WHAT I WAS BEFORE I TOOK MY MASTER'S POWER AND HIS...
YOU ARE...

BUT I NEED NEW BRAINS. I CAN'T... I CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING NOTHING. I CAN'T JUST BE A PUPPET AGAIN, I CAN'T...

I CAN'T...
THANK YOU FOR SAVIN' MY BOY.
BUT I DON'T GOTTA TELL YOU THAT THESE HERE SCARECROWS CAN'T STAY HERE. AND NEITHER CAN YOU.
BUT, DAD--
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, BOY. THOSE PEOPLE - THEY DONE LOST FOLKS IMPORTANT TO THEM. WE LOST...
...WE LOST YOUR MOTHER.
AIN'T NO TALKIN' SENSE INTO THEM. I'LL TAKE 'EM BACK TO TOWN, BUT THIS PLACE AIN'T GONNA BE SAFE FOR NO SCARECROWS.
YOU GOT 'TIL TOMORROW TO DISAPPEAR.

DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, MY WONDERFUL GIRL.
YOU HAVE DONE SOMETHING SPECTACULAR HERE. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, YOU SEE, THIS WOULD BE A VERY DIFFERENT STORY INDEED.
I FEEL YOUR SORROW, AND I FEEL YOUR LOSS...BUT YOU MUSTN'T LOOK ON TODAY AS FAILURE, LITTLE ONE.
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'VE DONE. THE LIVES YOU'VE SAVED... IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE.
YOUR TIME HERE MAY BE ENDING, BUT YOUR STORY IS NOT YET OVER. NOT EVEN CLOSE.
YOU WILL GO SUCH LOVELY PLACES...

I KNOW YOU GOT YOUR OWN PLACES TO GO.
YOU'RE... YOU'RE REAL DIFFERENT.
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T GO WITH THEM.

I...I WANT YOU TO HAVE SOMETHING.
I KNOW IT'S DUMB. BUT HE USED TO HELP ME SLEEP WHEN I FELT.... YOU KNOW, SCARED.
HIS NAME IS BARKY.

I GOTTA GO. IF MY DAD SEES I AIN'T AT HOME...
I KNOW YOU AIN'T GONNA BE HERE IF I COME BACK, BUT I DON'T WANNA SAY GOODBYE.
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW...NO MATTER WHAT FOLKS SAY, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS.
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